

D. C. POLICE MAY TRY 25C. MENU

Major Pullman Ready to Test Scheme—If His Men Want to Do It.

MUCH INTERESTED IN PLAN

Secretary Houston Also Promises Help of Department of Agriculture.

Washington may have a "two-bit-a-day" police diet squad of its own.

So said Major Pullman when interviewed this morning by Mrs. Eula McClary, who has just prepared a special menu for a "two-bit-a-day" try-out at the White House.

The only thing to keep the police experiment from being conducted would be the refusal of enough policemen to consent to trying the plan. Major Pullman said it would be up to the policemen, but that he, himself, was very much interested in the plan and believed it should be conducted.

Favors Helpful Experiments.

He said that he was a strong believer in all movements for prevention of sickness, such as the experiment now being conducted in New York, the purpose of which is to show the people how to live properly on the right sort of foods.

Should the experiment be undertaken in Washington, the help of the Department of Agriculture will also be available, as was promised by Secretary Houston of the department this morning, when called up by Mrs. McClary. Mr. Houston expressed himself as a firm believer in the theories now being taught by Mrs. McClary and her associates. He promised Mrs. McClary that he would help her in her work at any time his assistance should be needed.

Nothing Definite.

Nothing definite has, as yet, been decided as to where the experiment will be conducted, but it is supposed that some vacant room, within the business section of the city will be used.

As was done in New York, local firms will be asked to supply the furniture, linen, silverware, and other things necessary for the success of the experiment. The proposition will be put up to the policemen this afternoon, and, should enough of them express their willingness to undertake the task, a definite time for the opening date will be set.

May Ask Other Volunteers.

Should fewer than necessary feel able to undergo the ordeal other volunteers will, in all probability, be asked for.

Mrs. McClary suggested that the test be conducted during Lent. Her reason for this is that there will be less meat eaten during that period. It is one of the hopes of the Life Education Institute, of which Mrs. McClary is the representative, to educate the people to eat less meat.

TO BAPTIZE IN POOL

Colored Pastor to Immerse Flock at Bathing Beach.

A "regular baptism" will be held at the Municipal Swimming Pools, at the foot of Seventeenth street, northwest. Rev. Alexander H. Johnson, pastor of the Union Christian Church, has requested the Supervisor of Playgrounds permission to use the pool, at the bathing beach tomorrow at eleven o'clock. The request of the clergyman has been granted by the Supervisor of Playgrounds, and has been stated by Mr. Johnson that the baptism of his flock will be undertaken even if he has to break through ice in order to immerse them.

It has been the custom of the colored baptists of the city to use the Potomac for baptismal celebrations, but since the erection of the swimming pools, they have been accustomed to using them rather than the more exposed place. Last year the ceremony was performed at the Howard playground swimming pool, but owing to the fact that there is a larger number of candidates than usual, and the pool at the bathing beach is considerably larger and more accessible, the change has been made.

Being held on District property, no admission will be charged and no collection can be taken. The affair will be open to the public. The dressing rooms at the bathing beach will be at the disposal of the candidates.

VETS TO RIVAL PICKETS

Spanish War Fighters Begin Pension Appeal February 10.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 27.—Following the example of the suffragists, in an effort to call the attention of President Wilson and members of Congress to what they term an "injustice," veterans of the Spanish American war who are more than fifty years old will take up sentinel duty at the White House, February 10. A call has been sent forth by Thomas Allen, a former member of the Fourth Virginia Volunteer Infantry. After seventeen years, he says, the veterans of the Spanish-American war were granted pensions of \$12 a month, but nothing was allowed for the time they were seeking the pension. This, they say, "is not justice," and they want the back payments. So they will go to Washington next month and do picket duty around the White House to call attention to their wants.

Florida—Superior Service via Atlantic Coast Line. 4 all-steel electric-lighted trains daily. Office 1466 New York ave., n.w.—Advt.

HERE'S WHAT WILSON CAN EAT FOR 25 CENTS

This is the "Two-Bit Menu" (3,000 Calories Strong), as Suggested for White House Trial:

BREAKFAST.

Oatmeal (2 ounces). Milk (half cup).
Toast (3 ounces).
Coffee (half ounce).
Sugar for oatmeal and coffee.

LUNCHEON.

Salmon with Peas.
(Consisting of 1 1/2 ounces of salmon, 1/2 ounce of rice, 1/2 ounce of bread, 1 ounce canned peas, 1/2 cup of milk, salt and pepper, 1/2 ounce of flour and 1/2 ounce of pure fat forming the sauce).

Date Bread (5 ounces).
Tea (1/2 ounce per cup).
Sugar (1/2 ounce).

Milk (quarter cup).
Butter substitute (1 ounce).

DINNER.

Split Peas and Bacon.
(Peas, 3 ounces; bacon, 1).
Stuffed Peppers.
(Consisting of 1/2 green pepper, 1 ounce rice, salt and pepper, then bake).

Butter substitute (1 ounce).
Milk 1/2 cup).

COL. HARPER DENIES HOTELS PLAN RAISE

Inaugural Head Assures Fair Prices for Visitors to Ceremonies.

Statements that Washington hotels are demanding \$200 and more for a room for the inaugural period were branded as "mere rot" by Col. Robert N. Harper, chairman of the Inaugural committee, this afternoon.

Declarations that the hostilities, boarding and rooming houses, are being raised together to get exorbitant rates and prices for thousands of visitors coming here for the ceremonies are not supported by facts obtained by investigations, the Inaugural head said.

Kick Nothing Unusual.

While there is always a kick by visitors to any city where a big convention, fair, or similar affair is under way, about high prices, and while Washington has not escaped being criticized along this line in the past, it is said that the hotels and boarding houses here maintain a more regular schedule than do the hotels of any city in the country.

So absurd are the charges made in the inaugural period, it is said, that the committee on hotels of the general Inaugural committee will not answer them.

"It is necessary for the hotels to boost their prices somewhat during the inaugural period," Colonel Harper continued, "but their rates are not exorbitant. At this very time it is almost impossible to obtain rooms in many of the Washington hotels. What must be the demand a month from now?"

Rooms at Reasonable Prices.

"There will be rooming houses where beds may be obtained at reasonable prices, in March, just the same as in the past. If visitors do not care to stop at the larger hotels and pay the prices of the latter, they may go to the rooming houses and boarding houses, and rest assured that they will find reasonable and comfortable quarters at moderate prices."

A comparison of the prices received by Washington hotel managers during the inaugural period, Colonel Harper continued, "but their rates are not exorbitant. At this very time it is almost impossible to obtain rooms in many of the Washington hotels. What must be the demand a month from now?"

NEW COLLEGE HEAD

Dr. Woods to Be President of Maryland School of Agriculture.

A dispatch from Minneapolis says that Dr. Albert Fred Woods, dean of the Minnesota Agricultural College, has announced he will accept the presidency of the Maryland State College of Agriculture, at Hyattsville, and that his salary will be \$10,000 a year.

Dr. Woods was in Maryland some days ago, and spent some time in conference with Samuel M. Shoemaker, president of the State board of agriculture, and others in authority at the college, including Governor Hartridge.

It was stated by the insiders at that time that there was little question that he would be elected president of the college, if he decided to accept, and that he would be paid a very substantial salary.

SKATING ON BASIN

But Weather Man is Expected to Break It Up Tomorrow.

People with skates will have their inning today.

The weather man was generous last night and the temperature crawled way down to 29 degrees. The tidal basin was thrown open to the crowds this morning at 9 o'clock and within a few minutes there were hundreds of skaters on its surface.

School boys who found last Saturday a dull proposition because there was no ice, can make hay before the sun shines too hot today.

The forecast for tonight is for an overcast sky and rising temperature which latter means there probably will be no skating tomorrow.

The weather bureau says it may rain or snow tomorrow or possibly both.

BAKER LEAVES SHIPPING BOARD

Resigns After Difference With Secretary McAdoo Over Organization.

ACTION COMES AS SURPRISE

Baltimorean Selected for Long Experience in Building Up Merchant Marine.

Resentment against the efforts of William G. McAdoo, Secretary of the Treasury, to dictate the organization of the new shipping board, is understood to have been responsible for the action of Bernard N. Baker, of Baltimore, in resigning from the board.

The action of Mr. Baker came as a complete surprise, and while all parties concerned are refusing to comment, it is reliably stated that the trouble came to a head suddenly late yesterday, when Mr. Baker sent his resignation to the President.

The fact that it was promptly accepted is taken to mean that the President was fully advised of the situation, and knew that the issue between Mr. Baker and Mr. McAdoo was so sharply drawn that the former would not consider his determination to get out.

As originally drawn the shipping bill had provided that the Secretary of the Treasury should be an ex-officio member of the board. This was changed, however, and authority was vested in a board of five.

Selected For Experience.

Mr. Baker has been selected for a position on the board not only because of his long experience in shipping matters, but because of the valuable aid which he rendered the Administration in preparing the legislation and enlisting support for its passage.

He was one of the organizers of the Atlantic Transport Company, and was one of the first to propose that the United States should venture temporarily into the shipping business as a means of building up an American merchant marine.

It was generally understood that he would be made chairman of the board, but according to gossip in official circles today, Mr. McAdoo had planned it otherwise.

Refuse to Discuss Matter.

The White House, Mr. McAdoo, and Mr. Baker all refused positively today to discuss the matter in any way, although it is not denied that the Secretary of the Treasury was the storm center.

While Mr. Baker was an invaluable aid to the Administration in getting the shipping bill through Congress, Mr. McAdoo was the official sponsor of the scheme. Consequently, his friends declare, he felt that he was at liberty to advise the board as to its procedure.

HONOR PROF. BLEWETT

Security League Passes Resolution Regretting Sudden Death.

A resolution of regret at the death of Benjamin Blewett, superintendent of schools at St. Louis, who dropped dead yesterday while addressing a committee of the National Security League here, was adopted by the league today.

The tragic event cast a gloom over delegates as they assembled for the final session today.

The resolution follows: "Resolved, That in the death of Benjamin Blewett, of St. Louis, the National Security League has lost one of its most conscientious and zealous members. In this testimonial the league mingles its sorrow with that of the city of St. Louis, to which Superintendent Blewett devoted a long career of splendid educational leadership."

"The league also is mindful that the passing of Superintendent Blewett removes a man whose professional influence has been not merely local. For many years he has exerted enlightened and constructive influence upon public educational policies throughout the United States. The manner of Superintendent Blewett's death was an appropriate and enviable close of an exemplary life as educator and citizen. He was speaking in committee upon plans for making the public schools of our country more efficient in developing patriotism."

His last words, cut short by death, were in highest praise of the "efforts of the women teachers of America to inculcate the spirit of loyalty and patriotism."

BIG FIRE IN PITTSBURGH

Downtown Business Block Swept by Flames—Five Reported Injured.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 27.—One of the most disastrous fires in Pittsburgh in recent years destroyed the eastern half of the downtown business block bounded by Fifth, Sixth, Wood, Diamond, and Smithfield streets today.

The loss was estimated at from \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000. Officially it was stated that it might be greater. Five were reported injured, none seriously.

The principal establishments destroyed and best early estimates of their individual losses were: Frank and Seder department store \$400,000; Grand Theater, owned by Harry Davis Enterprise Company, \$250,000; Davis restaurant adjoining the Grand, \$30,000; Lyric Theater, adjoining the Grand, \$10,000; White jewelry company, destroyed, but loss not estimated; Gazette-Times central office, slight; Kirby Shoe Company, building (no tenant), \$6,000; W. L. Douglas Shoe Company, store, \$50,000; McCrory, 5 and 10-cent store, \$125,000; and Hilton Clothing Company, \$50,000.

FIRST SERVICE IN TABERNACLE

Temple Will Be Dedicated This Evening Before Arrival of Evangelist.

WILSON INVITED TO OPENING

President and Cabinet Members Asked to Attend Meeting Tomorrow Evening.

Dedicatory services will be held tonight at 7:30 o'clock at the tabernacle at Sixteenth and V streets northwest, which will be used by Gypsy Smith, Jr., during his month's revival here.

Owing to the fact that the evangelist will not arrive in Washington until shortly before midnight, he will not participate in the service preliminary to the opening of his campaign for "Washington for Christ."

The opening prayer tonight will be pronounced by the Rev. Henry E. Brundage, pastor of the Eckington Presbyterian Church. Passages of the Bible dealing with the dedication of temples and other buildings for the worship of God will be read by the Rev. Joseph J. Kelley, pastor of the Fourth Presbyterian Church.

The concluding prayer will be pronounced by the Rev. John Carpenter Palmer, pastor of the Washington Heights Presbyterian Church, and chairman of the executive committee which arranged the revival.

Capacity Crowd Expected.

Notwithstanding the absence of Gypsy Smith, Jr., it is expected a capacity congregation will crowd its way into the big tabernacle tonight.

The revival will start tomorrow night at 7:30 o'clock, when the Rev. Wallace Radcliffe, pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, delivers the opening prayer. This will be followed by readings from the Scripture by the Rev. J. J. Dinon, rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, which adjoins the tabernacle on the east.

The Rev. Dr. Palmer then will introduce Gypsy Smith, Jr., whose subject for the initial sermon of the revival will be "Follow Thou Me." Benediction will be pronounced by the Rev. Samuel H. Green, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church.

President Is Invited.

Tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock the chorus of 400 voices will be rehearsed by Prof. Forest Cole, choir leader for Gypsy Smith, Jr. The musical director expects to rehearse the chorus for several hours so as to familiarize the men and women not only with tomorrow night's program, but with the hymns to be sung throughout the revival.

Dr. Palmer has invited President Wilson and all the members of his Cabinet to attend the services tomorrow night. Secretary of State Lansing and Mrs. Lansing already have accepted, and it is believed other members of the cabinet will attend.

At a meeting yesterday it was stated by Dr. Palmer that "the tabernacle, the church works and the entire population of Washington is ready for Gypsy Smith, Jr."

GIFT AMBULANCE CAPTURED

Mrs. W. W. Miller's Donation to French on the Yarrowdale.

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—When the Germans took the British steamer Yarrowdale into harbor December 31, in her cargo was a fine new automobile ambulance which had been intended for the transport of French wounded.

The ambulance had been purchased and shipped to Mrs. William W. Miller, of this city, wife of a member of the law firm of Hornblower, Miller & Potter. Mr. and Mrs. Miller visited France and Belgium last autumn and made a trip to the Verdun battlefield. There they saw many French wounded, and Mrs. Miller was so much affected that on her return she ordered the ambulance.

The car, which was entirely modern in its equipment, left New York on the Yarrowdale December 4, consigned to the French government.

EXPECT RETURN ORDERS

D. C. Soldiers Hear Rumors of Coming for Inauguration.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Jan. 27.—The report that District of Columbia troops will be sent home from the border in time for the inauguration has been received. General Funston is silent on the question, but a staff officer at department headquarters pointed out that even if the Guardsmen are to be released for participation in inaugural activities, it would be logical to hold the units on the border until shortly before the time in question.

Under such a plan, he said, organizations would be kept intact for the parade March 5. If the troops were to be sent home very far in advance of the actual date of the inauguration, mustering out of the Federal service and other things incidental to arrival home might interfere with plans to have them in the parade, declared the staff officer.

Rain today called a halt in the training program in the camp of the Third District Infantry at Camp Wilson.

POMEROY DEMANDS PARDON

Refuses to Quit "Solitary" or Accept Commutation.

BOSTON, Jan. 27.—After being forty-one years in solitary confinement, isolated from every one but his keeper and his mother, Jesse Pomeroy has refused to accept the concession that would permit him to mingle with the other inmates of the Charlestown prison.

He demanded a pardon or a new trial, for which he "has been clamoring for years," came after an interview with him by Warden Nathan D. Allen, of the penitentiary, and Edwin L. Wepscot, the prisoner's attorney. Wepscot pleaded with Pomeroy to accept the commutation, but the "chief" would have none of it. Wepscot then withdrew as counsel.

Tomorrow will come as a crisis for Pomeroy. He will have his breakfast served to him in cell 28, as usual, and if he refuses to do the light work that has been arranged for him, Jesse will be put in one of the solitary blocks in the L. of the Cherry Hill section of the prison.

WALSH FOR OFFICE

Former Gov. David I. Walsh, of Massachusetts, is being urged as a possible appointee as a Philippine commissioner, it was learned today. Senator J. Hamilton Lewis is urging appointment, and already has presented Governor Walsh's name at the White House.

MRS. BYRNE FOR CIBLY FED AFTER LONG HUNGER STRIKE

Woman, Fighting for Principle, Undergoes Ordeal for First Time in History of Country--Varying Reports.

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—A woman, fighting for a principle, and hunger-striking in protest following imprisonment, was forcibly fed for the first time in the history of this country today.

Mrs. Ethel Byrne, birth control advocate, was so fed at Blackwell's island after she had become practically unconscious as a result of abstaining from either food or water for a period of 105 hours.

Mrs. Byrne, who is the mother of two children, was rolled in a blanket, a rubber tube inserted in her mouth, and a pint of milk, two eggs, and a stimulant administered.

An official statement from the department of corrections, issued during the morning, stated that Mrs. Byrne's condition was "slightly improved."

Mrs. Margaret Sanger, her sister, and Dr. William Trautman, her attorney, declared, however, that she had received confidential information that the condition of Mrs. Byrne is serious. She said she understood her sister was in a state of coma.

Both Trained Nurses.

Both Mrs. Sanger and Mrs. Byrne are trained nurses.

The former expressed the greatest concern on account of the fact that her sister had drunk no water. After the fifth day, in such cases, she said, patients fall into an uraemic coma, from which they sometimes do not revive.

Commissioner of Corrections Lewis announced that four physicians and two nurses are in constant attendance on Mrs. Byrne.

Doctor Called at Once.

The minute it was decided Mrs. Byrne's condition was such that she should be fed Dr. James P. Hunt was called, and arrangements made for the feeding.

In addition to Dr. Hunt, Dr. Irma Howard, attached to Blackwell's, Dr. Howe, and Dr. William Trautman, are being consulted in the case.

While no regular scheme has been planned, Lewis declared, Mrs. Byrne will be fed henceforth whenever it is deemed necessary.

Lawyer Denied Admission.

J. J. Goldstein, attorney for Mrs. Byrne, sought permission to visit her today. This was denied. Application for Mrs. Sanger to see her was also denied.

Commissioner Lewis declared he was acting on the best medical advice, which was that Mrs. Byrne should not be disturbed by visitors.

The bulletin covering Mrs. Byrne's condition gave her blood pressure, respiration, and heart normal. Her temperature was slightly subnormal and pulse slightly accelerated.

ACTION ON DRY BILL PROBABLE TUESDAY

House D. C. Committee to Take Up Measure—May Set Hearing Date.

Although a half dozen persons, including prohibition workers, appeared at the committee room there was no consideration of the sheppard prohibition bill today by the House District Committee.

The sheppard bill will not be discussed until next Tuesday, when it is probable the first skirmish between the "wets" and "drys" will occur and a date set for beginning hearings.

Owing to a mix-up which developed yesterday and was generally advertised there was no meeting today of the House District Committee. Congressman Mappes of Michigan, Hilliard of Colorado, and Cary of Wisconsin were the only members to come to the committee room, and they came with the knowledge that no hearing would be held.

Chairman Ben Johnson III in bed and other members of the committee agreed two days ago to postpone a further session of the committee, which is now considering the Lewis telephone bill, until next Tuesday.

INTERMITTENT WIFE BALKS

Gets Divorce After Telling of Piece-meal Honeymoon.

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—Mrs. Reba Porter of Island Heights, N. J., whose features grace the new Canadian coins and gaze at one frequently from magazine covers, has obtained a divorce from her migrant husband, Henry A. Porter, habitant unknown.

Mrs. Porter to avoid publicity applied for the divorce in Union Hill, N. J., before special master Agnew. He recommended a decree.

Mrs. Porter in her complaint described an intermittent honeymoon which began at the Waldorf Astoria. After three weeks Porter confessed he was not wealthy and that he would have to send her home to her parents.

Thereafter, she said, he had unexplained periods of affluence alternating with periods of poverty. When he had money he sent for her. When it was spent he sent her home.

She spent five days with him at the Bellevue-Stratford in Philadelphia, then was home a month, was with him at the Normandie in Philadelphia six weeks, then three months at home; next with him two months at the Nassau in Princeton, N. J., then six months at home.

ASKS PEACE WITHOUT VICTORY

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—Mrs. Josephine M. Victory brought a suit for a divorce yesterday against her husband, whose Christian name is Emmet.

D. C. CLERK TO GET SAME RAISE AS U. S. WORKER

Federal Employees' Union Men Promised Assistance by Senate Subcommittee.

TELL OF UNFAIR CONDITIONS

Show How District Clerks Are Unable to Live on Present Salaries.

District of Columbia employees will be granted the same increase of pay allowed to Federal employees generally.

Assurance to this effect was given today by the Senate Appropriations subcommittee, considering the District appropriation bill, to Joseph H. Hurley, representing the District branch of the Federal Employees' Union, and to President H. M. McClarin, of the Federal Employees' Union.

Strong Argument.

Messrs. Hurley and McClarin appeared before the subcommittee and Hurley presented a strong argument for increased pay for the employees of the District government.

Going into the matter of pay of the District employees historically, Mr. Hurley pointed out that one of the first acts of Congress when it took over control of the District forty-three years ago was to reduce the wages of city employees 20 per cent.

Handicap Remains.

"Congress since that time," said he, "has never had the matter called to its attention and as a consequence forty-three years have passed, and despite the growth of the city in work and importance and what this means in the way of more work and greater responsibilities to each individual concerned, this handicap of 20 per cent still remains."

Mr. Hurley said there were only 225 employees on the rolls of the District who get over \$1,200. Between \$1,000 and \$1,500 there are 212 persons. By far the major part get less than \$800. The average earnings are but \$305.

Nearly All Have Dependents.

"Nearly every one of the 5,525 employees have dependents," said Mr. Hurley, "and the effort to provide food and shelter for helpless little ones on this meager amount makes the exercise of the most rigid economy necessary."

"I am going to relate one or two instances of where even this scanty mode of living does not suffice. An employee of the Water Department gets \$65 per month; he has several children, and he tells me he can neither feed them nor clothe them even decently, and is not able to take advantage of the benefits of the public school system because the appearance of his children would be so shabby as to excite comment and humiliate them, so he sends the elder two and instructs the others himself."

"This man lives in a remote suburb, but walks to and from work because spending money would mean doing without some necessity for the family. He hardly remembers when he had a new suit of clothes."

Mr. Hurley told also of an officer in the sewer department, who gets \$600 a year, and is making a losing struggle trying to feed and clothe four children, himself and wife on \$32.50 a month after paying \$17.50 rent.

Mr. Hurley said these were not isolated cases but "typical of the scrolded struggle going on daily among employees of the District." Many are forced to take on some additional employment after hours.

Tells of Hardship.

He told of the hardships of the per diem employees and urged that the case of the District employes be considered apart from that of the department employees and not "lumped" with them.

He said the people of Washington were willing the District employes should have a living wage, and were not objecting to a rate of taxation which would give such a wage.

Mr. Hurley suggested a 10 per cent increase between \$1,200 and \$1,500 and 20 per cent for those getting less than \$1,200. This would amount to \$303,332.67.

SUFFRAGE DANCE TONIGHT

Hesitation Barred at Celebration For Silent Sentinels.

To celebrate the end of their second week